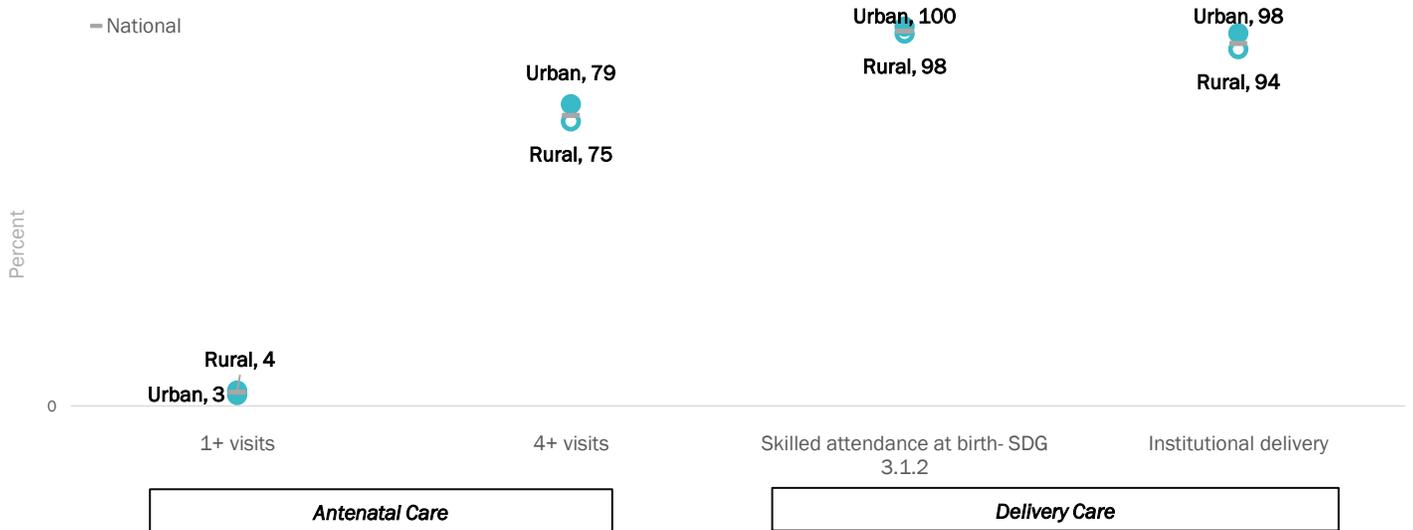


Key Elements of Maternal & Newborn Health

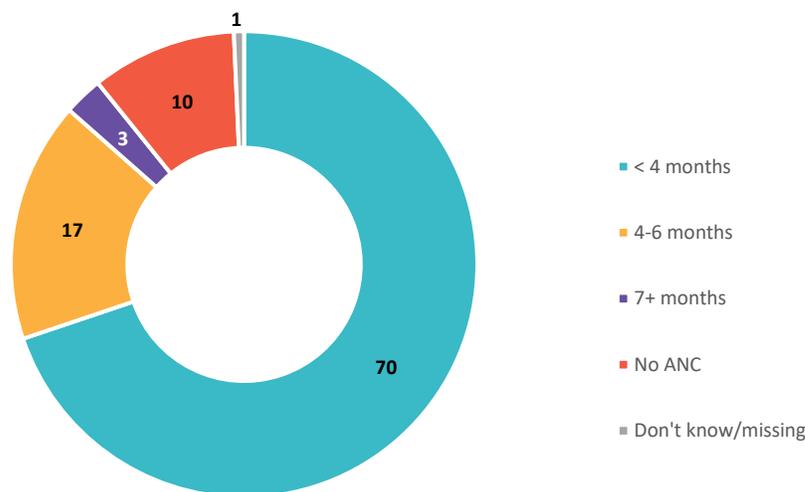


Maternal & Newborn Health Cascade by Area



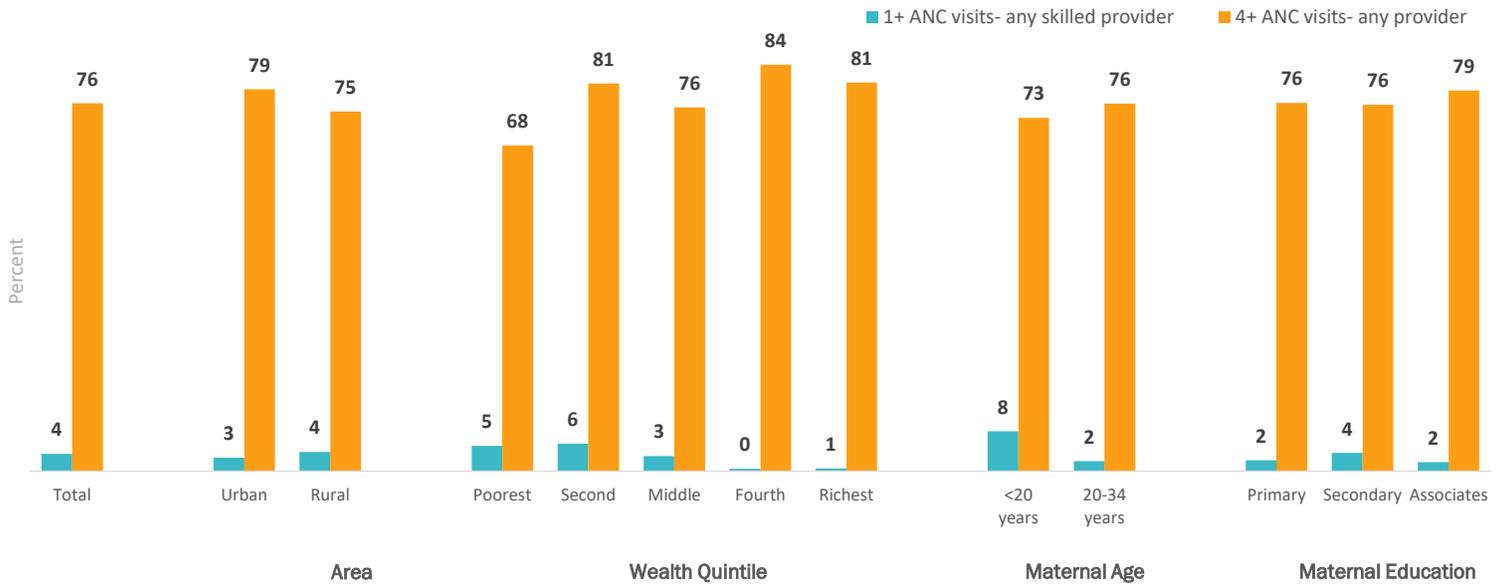
Percentage of women age 15-49 years with a live birth in the last 2 years who were attended during their last pregnancy that led to a live birth at least once by skilled health personnel or at least four times by any provider, who were attended by skilled health personnel during their most recent live birth (SDG 3.1.2), whose most recent live birth was delivered in a health facility, who received a health check while in facility or at home following delivery, or a post-natal care visit within 2 days after delivery of their most recent live and percentage of last live births in the last 2 years who received a health check while in facility or at home following delivery, or a post-natal care visit within 2 days after delivery, by area

Timing of First Antenatal Care Visit



Percentage of women age 15-49 years with a live birth in the last 2 years who were attended during their last pregnancy that led to a live birth at least once by skilled health personnel, by the timing of first ANC visit

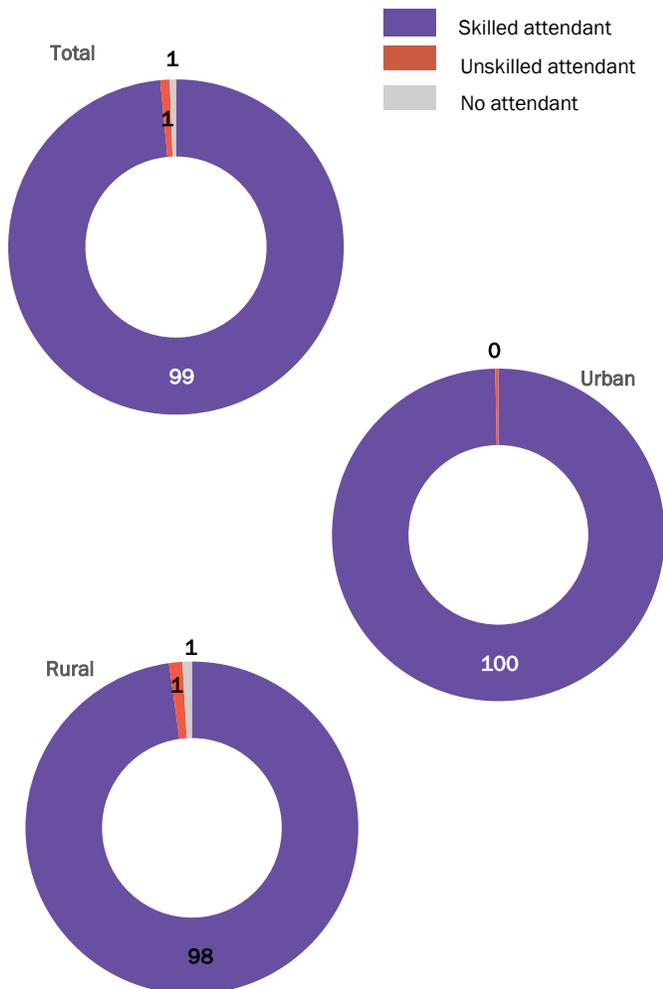
Coverage of Antenatal Care by Various Characteristics



Percentage of women age 15-49 years with a live birth in the last 2 years who were attended during their last pregnancy that led to a live birth at least once by skilled health personnel or at least four times by any provider

Coverage of Skilled Attendance at Birth & Institutional Delivery by Area

Skilled Attendance at Birth

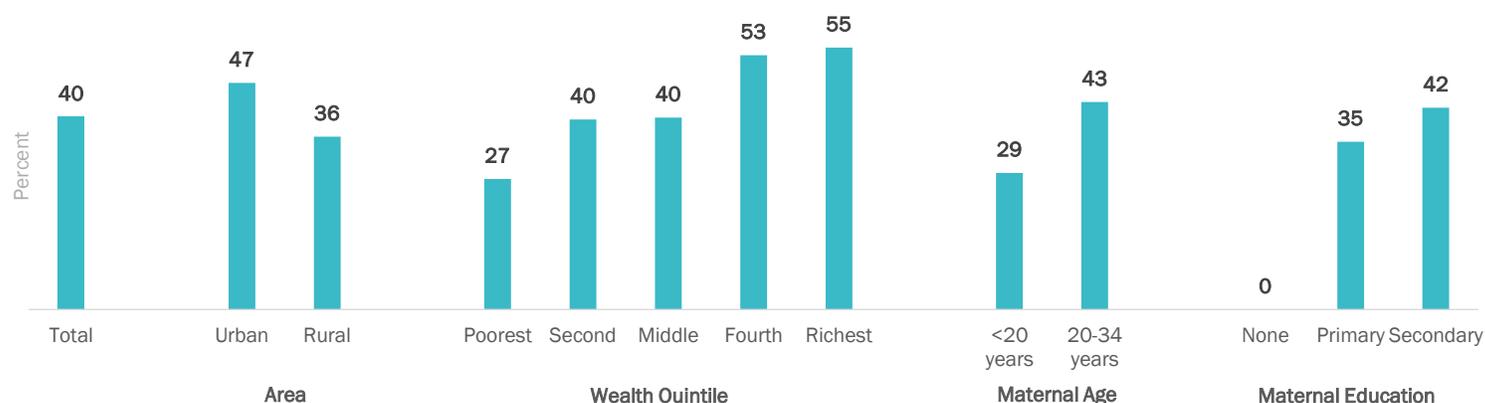


Institutional Delivery



Percentage of women age 15-49 years with a live birth in the last 2 years who were attended by skilled health personnel during their most recent live birth and percentage whose most recent live birth was delivered in a health facility (institutional delivery) by area

Caesarian Section by Various Characteristics



Percentage of women age 15-49 years with a live birth in the last 2 years whose most recent live birth was delivered by caesarean section by various characteristics

Regional Data on Maternal and Newborn Cascade

Region	ANC: At least 1 visit (skilled provider)	ANC: At least 4 visits (any provider)	Skilled Attendance at Birth	Institutional Delivery	Postnatal Care for Mother <2 days
National	3.6	76.4	98.5	95.3	38
Corozal	6.3	85.9	98.3	98.3	32
Orange Walk	5.0	75.3	96.7	90.6	33
Belize North	6.0	75.0	96.8	91.7	45
Belize South	(0.0)*	(85.9)*	(100.0)*	(100.0)*	34
Cayo	2.8	79.6	98.8	94.6	33
Stann Creek	1.3	60.7	100.0	97.3	45
Toledo	1.7	68.8	100.0	98.8	33

For indicator definitions, see earlier charts

* Values in parentheses indicate findings based on 25-49 unweighted cases

Key Messages

- Caesarian section rates are higher among urban, wealthier, and more educated women.
- National skilled birth attendance: 98.5%; institutional delivery: 95.3%.
- ANC (4+ visits) coverage nationally: 76.4%.
- Postnatal care within 2 days: 38% nationally.
- Belize South, Stann Creek, and Toledo: 100% skilled birth attendance.
- Corozal and Belize South lead in ANC (4+ visits): 85.9%.
- Postnatal care highest in Belize North and Stann Creek: 45%.
- ANC (1+ skilled visits) lowest in Stann Creek (1.3%) and Toledo (1.7%).
- Regional disparities highlight need for targeted maternal health interventions.

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Further statistical snapshots and the Survey Findings Report for this and other surveys are available on mics.unicef.org/surveys.